

VALLEY CITY

POLICE

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The City of Valley City has adopted several ordinances in regards to pet ownership and care. Below are a few basic summaries. If you have any questions, please contact the Valley City Police Department at 701-845-3110.

- **Animals in Motor Vehicles:** It is prohibited to have any animal in a motor vehicle in extreme heat or cold without proper ventilation or other protection from heat or cold. This is a must appear in court violation. Officers have the right to enter a vehicle if they determine an animal is in immediate danger.
- **Animal Care:** Animal must be kept in clean, sanitary, healthy environment. Violations of this include not cleaning up feces, having fresh food and water, properly sized collar and tether, providing medical care and vaccinations, and more. Violation results in written notification of violation and individual has 30 days to remedy conditions. Failure to do so results in court appearance.
- **Barking, etc.:** Habitual barking, howling, etc., which causes a disturbance. First violation is warning; 2nd is court appearance; subsequent violations may result in impoundment of animal and a Class B Misdemeanor.
- **Number of Pets:** No more than 6 cats and/or dogs. More than this requires a kennel license and inspection from certified vet. Exemptions are for animals less than 6 months of age.
- **Feces:** When walking your animal, you must clean up any feces the animal leaves.
- **Leash Law:** It is unlawful to allow your animal to run at large. Animals that are impounded by the City are subject to administrative, boarding and possible medical fees, in addition to citation (must appear in court) and license fees. Each subsequent offense has substantially increased penalties. Citations can be issued to the owner OR the keeper of an animal.
- **License & rabies:** All dogs and cats must have proof of current rabies vaccination and must be licensed through the City of Valley City. Licenses run on two (2) year cycles, beginning April 1st of odd numbered years and expiring March 31 of the next odd numbered year. Licenses cost \$15 and require proof of rabies vaccination. Current cycle begins April 1st 2017 and runs through March 31st, 2019. Licenses may be purchased at the Valley City Police Department, 216 2nd Ave. NE, during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

The complete animal ordinance can be found on the City of Valley City website, www.valleycity.us.